In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4 through 9 with the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/228,702, filed on August 29, 2000 and claims priority to Application No. 09/606,869, filed June 29, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,313, filed on July 2, 1999. This application further claims priority to Application No. 09/127,191, filed July 31, 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,311,144, issued October 30, 2001), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/085,350, filed on May 13, 1998.

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 11 through 19 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 3 is a diagram illustrating the graphical layout of a business process design according to one embodiment. In this example, the business process design 300 depicts the business processes and interactions for processing payments within a financial institution. The system architect creates the business process design by adding icons 310 and links 320 to the layout. Each icon 310 identifies a business process, while the links 320 between business process icons 310 represent the flow of processing. According to one embodiment, the graphical layout interface is implemented with a graphical scripting language, such as Universal Modeling Language (UML).

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 17 through 26 with the following paragraph:

If, at 160, the modeled business performance metrics satisfy the business requirements of each business process, the proposed system architecture is forwarded to the output module 60 at 170 to output a detailed description of the specifications of the model based system architecture. The output module 60 formats the system architecture model into a detailed set of "blueprints" describing the construction and implementation of the system architecture. According to one